



THE LITIGATION SECTION OF  
THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA PRESENTS

# Coaching for the New Practitioner: What They Didn't Teach You in Law School

Monday, June 9, 2008  
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

*2 Hours MCLE Credit*



Wilshire Grand Hotel  
930 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA

This program will provide direction and advice from three accomplished judges on the unwritten rules and best practices for courtroom conduct, communication with other counsel and the impact of your overall approach to the law practice and your community reputation. The program will be moderated by a managing partner for a San Francisco complex litigation firm who will provide suggestions for successfully navigating the law office environment.

**5:15 PM – 6:00 PM**  
**Registrants Check-in**

**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
**Panel Topics**

The panel topics will specifically focus on:

- **BALANCING THE SCALES OF JUSTICE WITH PROFESSIONALISM RATHER THAN CYNICISM**
- **EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE JUDGES AND COUNSEL INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE COURTROOM**
- **TOOLS FOR SUCCESSFUL COURTROOM CONDUCT**

The panel for this program consists of some of the most accomplished lawyers in our state who have excelled in both private practice and in their service on the bench of the California Superior Court. This event provides a unique opportunity for newly practicing lawyers to learn the insights from these individuals whose stellar careers reflect their excellent grasp on many of the unwritten rules and practice approaches critical to success in the legal profession.



### **Judge Lawrence W. Crispo**

Judge Lawrence W. Crispo was appointed judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court in 1994 and presided over a complex civil calendar until his retirement from the bench in 2004. A graduate of Loyola Law School, Judge Crispo began his career as a trial attorney with the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office and eventually moved into private practice becoming a partner at Breidenbach, Swainston, Crispo & Way where he practiced business and civil litigation for more than 25 years.

He is a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers, American Board of Trial Advocates and of the American Law Institute. He served on the State Bar Board of Governors and is a former chair of the Litigation Section. Currently, Judge Crispo serves as a mediator, arbitrator and special master/discovery referee with ADR Services, Alternative Resolution Centers (ARC) and independently.



### **Judge Victoria Chaney**

Judge Victoria Chaney is the Assistant Site Judge for the Los Angeles Superior Court's Complex Litigation Program. She was appointed Judge for the Los Angeles Courts in 1990 and during her career has presided over a wide variety of both civil and criminal matters. A 1977 graduate of Loyola Law School, Judge Chaney began her career as an attorney with the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, defending the City of Los Angeles and its employees in civil liability cases in both State and Federal District Court. As a supervisor in the Civil Liability

Section, she was responsible for both her own assigned cases and the supervision of other trial attorneys. Judge Chaney is currently an advisor to the Executive Committee of the State Bar's Litigation Section.



### **Judge Lee Edmon**

Judge Lee Edmon received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1981. She was appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court by Governor Gray Davis in August 2000 and is currently serving as the Supervising Judge of the Civil Departments. Prior to her appointment, Judge Edmon was a partner at Dewey Ballantine LLP, specializing in business litigation. Judge Edmon serves on a number of court committees and Judicial Council committees, including currently serving as chair of the Judicial Council's Civil & Small Claims

Advisory Committee. Throughout her career, Judge Edmon has been active in a wide variety of legal services and bar activities, including serving as the President of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.



### **Lisa Cappelluti**

Ms. Cappelluti is the managing partner of the San Francisco office of Lorber, Greenfield and Polito, LLP. Her firm specializes in complex construction actions ranging from contract disputes and unfair business practice claims to construction defect actions, delay and impact claims, mold exposure and construction injury cases. Ms. Cappelluti is a member of the State Bar of California Litigation Section Executive Committee.





# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## Online Registration for In-person Attendance

[www.calbar.ca.gov/litigation](http://www.calbar.ca.gov/litigation)

## Registration by Mail

Your registration must be received **no later than June 2, 2008**.

Please send your completed registration form and check payable to The State Bar of California to:

***Program Registrations***

***The State Bar of California***

***180 Howard Street***

***San Francisco, CA 94105-1639***

## Registration by Fax:

Fax to program registrations at 415-538-2368. VISA/MasterCard only.

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## On-site Registrations

On-site registration opens at 5:15 PM and is subject to space availability.

## Cancellation/Refunds

Cancellations and requests for refunds must be received in writing **no later than June 2, 2008**.

Substitute registrants are allowed, but must register in their own name.

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## Questions

For registration information, please call 415-538-2508. For program content/Section information, please call 415-538-2546 or visit the Section's website [www.calbar.ca.gov/litigation](http://www.calbar.ca.gov/litigation).

## Audio Tapes

Audio tapes of the program will be available with a complete set of program materials from Versa-Tape. To order, please call 800-468-2737.

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Pre-registration Deadline: June 2, 2008

### Register Early!

We anticipate this program will sell-out in advance of the pre-registration deadline.  
On-site registration may not be available.

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- ☐ \$10 Law students (photocopy of school ID required)
- ☐ \$20 New practitioners (admitted within last 2 years, 2006-2008)
- ☐ \$50 New practitioners with Section membership for 2008

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